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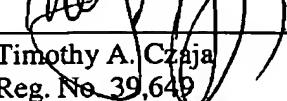
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2005, in which a Restriction Requirement was set forth relative to the Examiner-identified inventions of Group I (claims 1-27) and Group II (claim 28). In response, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-27) with traverse for at least the reasons provided below.

The Examiner contends that the product as claimed (Group I) can be made by another and materially different process (Group II). However, due to the existence of many similar claim limitations, it is respectfully submitted that no undue burden exists in examining both Groups I and II. As required by the MPEP, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must be examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions (MPEP §803). Thus, it is respectfully requested that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn and all claims examined.

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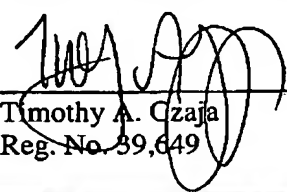
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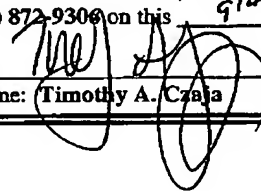
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